

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1206 - SB 1390

April 18, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Deletes the Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force (ASDTF) and establishes the Tennessee Council on Autism Spectrum Disorder (TCASD) for the purpose of establishing a long-term plan for a system of care for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families. The Council shall consist of 13 members. Establishes that no member shall receive compensation, nor shall they receive reimbursement for any expenses incurred in concert with attending meetings or performing duties for the Council. The duties of the Council include:

- Assessing the current and future impact of ASD on the residents of Tennessee;
- Assessing the availability of programs and services currently provided for early screening, diagnosis, and treatment of ASD;
- Seeking additional input and recommendations from a board representing stakeholders that includes, but is not limited to, providers, clinicians, institutions of higher education and those concerned with the health and quality of life for individuals with ASD;
- Developing a comprehensive statewide plan for an integrated system of training, treatment, and services for individuals of all ages with ASD;
- Ensuring interagency collaboration as the comprehensive statewide system of care for ASD is developed and implemented;
- Coordinate available resources related to developing and implementing a system of care for ASD; and
- Coordinating state budget requests related to systems of care for individuals with ASD based on the studies and recommendations of the TCASD.

This bill has an effective date of July 1, 2015. The TCASD will be terminated on June 30, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$89,800/FY15-16/Tennessee Council on Autism
Spectrum Disorder
\$85,500/FY16-17/Tennessee Council on Autism
Spectrum Disorder

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (011096, 012818): Amendment 011096 deletes all language after the enacting clause. Deletes the Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force (ASDTF) and establishes the Tennessee Council on Autism Spectrum Disorder (TCASD) for the purpose of establishing a long-term plan for a system of care for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families. The Council shall consist of 13 members and shall

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be administratively attached to the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Establishes that no member shall receive compensation, nor shall they receive reimbursement for any expenses incurred in concert with attending meetings or performing duties for the Council. The duties of the Council include:

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- Coordinating state budget requests related to systems of care for individuals with ASD based on the studies and recommendations of the TCASD.

This Council shall be created on July 1, 2016. Places the TCASD under sunset review. The TCASD will be terminated and cease to exist on June 30, 2017.

Amendment 012818 amends language in amendment 011096 that establishes that the TCASD will be terminated and cease to exist on June 30, 2018, rather than on June 30, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Increase State Expenditures –

\$89,800/FY16-17/Tennessee Council on Autism Spectrum Disorder
\$85,500/FY17-18/Tennessee Council on Autism Spectrum Disorder

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Public Chapter 1010 of 2014 created the ASDTF.
- According to the Department of Health (DOH), the Task Force never convened; therefore, there were no expenditures incurred relative to the operation of the task force.
- The Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will need one Public Health Program Director 2 position to perform administrative duties and assist the Council with its various responsibilities. This is consistent with the staffing levels of other advisory councils administered by the Department of Health.
- An increase in state expenditures of \$85,478 per year for a two-year period (salary \$52,000 + benefits \$23,400 + FICA \$3,978 + office lease \$4,100 + network,

communications, supplies, and miscellaneous \$2,000); and a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$4,300 (computer \$1,600 + office furniture \$2,700).

- The increase in state expenditures for FY16-17 is estimated to be \$89,778 (\$85,478 + \$4,300)
- The increase in state expenditures for FY17-18 is estimated to be \$85,478.
- The TCASD will be terminated on June 30, 2018; therefore, funding for the one position will no longer be needed after this date.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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